

# The Hongkong Telegraph.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 1893.

SIX DOLLARS  
PER QUARTER

## Banks.

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND  
THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL ..... £2,000,000  
CAPITAL CALLED-UP ..... £251,953.15.0

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:  
Wm. Keswick, Esq., Chairman.  
Adolf von André, Esq., F. D. Sassoon, Esq.  
Egbert Iverson, Esq., H. D. Stewart, Esq.  
David McLean, Esq.

HONGKONG COMMITTEE:  
The Hon. J. J. Keswick, J. The Hon. C. P. Chater.  
H. Hopkin, Esq.

Head Office—3, Princes Street, London.  
Branches—Bombay, Calcutta, Hongkong, and  
Shanghai.  
Agents—Penang, Singapore, and Yokohama.

RATES OF INTEREST.  
ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS  
and Fixed Deposits, can be ascertained  
on application.

CHANTREY INCHBALD,  
Manager.  
Hongkong, 10th April, 1893. [187]

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF  
INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL ..... £1,000,000  
SUBSCRIBED ..... £1,185,000

BANKERS:  
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT  
ACCOUNTS at the Rate of 2 per cent.  
per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS—  
For 12 Months ..... 5 per cent.  
" 6 " ..... 4 " "  
" 3 " ..... 3 " "

JOHN THURBURN,  
Manager, Hongkong.  
Hongkong, 4th February, 1893. [192]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,  
LIMITED.

Authorised Capital ..... £1,000,000  
Subscribed Capital ..... £500,000

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:  
D. Gillies, Esq., Chairman.  
Chen Kiti Shan, Esq., Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq.  
H. Stollerfoht, Esq.,  
Chief Manager,  
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Branches—London, Yokohama, Shanghai and  
Amoy.

BANKERS—  
The Commercial Bank of Scotland,  
Paris Banking Co., and The Alliance Bank (Ld.)  
Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per cent.  
" 6 " " 4 " "  
" 3 " " 3 " "  
CURRENT ACCOUNTS " 2 " "  
Hongkong, 12th May, 1893. [18]

## Insurances.

THE  
STANDARD  
ENDOWMENT  
ASSURANCE.

1. AMONG THE MANY ADVANT-  
AGES of this form of Assurance, the  
following may be mentioned—

- (a)—It secures an immediate Provision  
for wife and family or other relatives  
in event of early death.
- (b)—It provides a Fund for Retirement.
- (c)—It supplies an excellent Investment  
for the regular accumulation of  
small fixed sums of money.
- (d)—The Surrender and loan values are  
larger than under ordinary Policies.

2. AFTER THE POLICY HAS BEEN  
THREE YEARS IN FORCE—  
should the Policy-holder wish to dis-  
continue future payments—he will  
be entitled to receive, on application,  
a FREE PAID-UP POLICY for a  
proportionate amount of the Sum  
assured, as explained in the Pros-  
pectus.

Full particulars on application,  
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,  
Agents,  
STANDARD LIFE OFFICE,  
Hongkong, 8th August, 1893. [147]

SOUTH-BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE  
INSURANCE COMPANY OF  
NEW ZEALAND.

THE Underwritten are prepared to accept  
FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCES on  
favourable terms.  
Current rates, and a guaranteed Bonus equal  
to that paid by the local Offices.

S. J. DAVID & Co.,  
Agents,  
Hongkong, 1st November, 1892. [415]

GENERAL NOTICE.  
THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,  
(LIMITED).

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000. \$833,333.33.  
EQUAL TO ..... \$318,000.00.  
RESERVE FUND ..... \$318,000.00.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:  
LEE SING, Esq., LO YUEN MOON, Esq.  
LOU TSO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken  
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the  
World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRINCE STREET,  
Hongkong, 17th December, 1892. [169]

## Intimations.



HONGKONG AND SOUTH CHINA  
MASONIC BENEVOLENCE FUND.

AN EMERGENCY MEETING of the  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES of the above  
FUND, is hereby called for MONDAY, the 14th  
August, 1893, at 5.15 o'clock at the MASONIC  
HALL.

A. O'D. GOURDIN,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 9th August, 1893. [895]



A SPECIAL SESSIONS of HER MA-  
JESTY'S JUSTICES of the PEACE  
will be held in the JUSTICES' ROOM, at the  
MAGISTRACY, at Eleven o'clock in the Forenoon  
of TUESDAY, the 15th day of August, 1893,  
for the purpose of considering an application  
from one YUNG CHUNG, otherwise WILLIAM  
YOUNG, for the Transfer to himself of the  
adjacent Licence now held by A. G. WISE,  
Esquire, an Official Administrator to the late  
MARTIN HANSEN, for the Premises known  
as houses Nos. 21 and 23, Pottinger Street,  
under the sign of "THE CRITERION RESTAU-  
RANT."

H. E. WODEHOUSE,  
Police Magistrate.  
The Magistrate,  
Hongkong, 2nd August, 1893. [883]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING  
CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ORDI-  
NARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the  
SHAREHOLDERS in this CORPORATION  
will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on  
SATURDAY, the 19th day of August next, at  
12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving  
the Report of the Court of Directors together  
with a Statement of Accounts to 30th June,  
1893.

By Order of the Court of Directors,  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, 28th July, 1893. [846]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING  
CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the REGIS-  
TERS OF SHARES of the CORPORATION  
will be CLOSED on SATURDAY, the 13th  
to 19th day of August next, (both days inclusive),  
during which period no TRANSFER OF SHARES  
can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, 28th July, 1893.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEET-  
ING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held  
in the OFFICES of the COMPANY, No. 14, Princes  
Central, on MONDAY, the 21st August, at 3  
o'clock P.M., for the purpose of receiving the  
Report of the Directors and Statement of  
Accounts to the 30th June, 1893.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from the 7th to the 21st August,  
both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
D. GILLIES,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 1st August, 1893. [860]

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK AND COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL  
MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this  
COMPANY will be held at the HONGKONG  
HOTEL, Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the  
21st August, at 3.30 P.M., for the purpose of  
presenting the Report of the Directors and  
Statement of Accounts to the 31st December last.  
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from the 14th to 21st August,  
both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
FRANK W. WATTS,  
Manager.  
Hongkong, 9th August, 1893. [896]

THE PUNJON-MINING COMPANY,  
(LIMITED).

NOTICE is hereby given that at a MEET-  
ING of the DIRECTORS of this Com-  
pany held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, Com-  
munion House, Queen's Road Central, Victoria,  
Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 28th day of July,  
1893, a CALL of Fifty Cents per Share was  
made upon all Members holding Ordinary  
Shares of the Company, and that the same will  
be PAYABLE to the Secretary at the OFFICE of  
the Company, at 10, Queen's Road Central, on or  
before the 31st September, 1893.

And Notice is also given that, in accordance  
with Clause 24 of the Company's Articles of  
Association, if the Sum Payable in respect of  
any Call be not paid on or before the said 31st  
September, 1893, the Holder for the time being  
of the Share in respect of which the Call shall  
have been made shall pay interest for the same,  
at the rate of Ten Dollars per centum per  
annum from the said 31st September, 1893, to  
the date of the actual payment.

SHAREHOLDERS are requested to note  
that SHARE must be sent in when Paying Calls,  
in order that such Payments may be endorsed  
thereon.

By Order of the Directors,  
A. O'D. GOURDIN,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 29th July, 1893. [855]

STEAMSHIP "OORYIA."

TAKE notice that I have received an autho-  
rity dated the 20th June, 1893, from the  
Board of Trade, London, authorizing me to  
change the name of the Steamship "OORYIA,"  
and that from this date the said Steamship will  
be called and known by the name of "KWONG  
HOI."

The Steamship leaves for CANTON on SUN-  
DAY, TUESDAY and THURSDAY evenings; berth  
at Jardine's Wharf, West Point. The steamer  
has always Superior Accommodation for Passen-  
gers.

TREUNG SZ KAL,  
Hongkong, 11th August, 1893. [909]

## Intimations.

KELLY & WALSH, LD.

NOW READY.

PRICE \$2.50.

DOLLARS AND STERLING

EXCHANGE TABLES,

AT DIFFERENT RATES

FROM 2½ TO 3½

ASCENDING BY ONE SIXTEENTH OF A PENNY.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED,  
PUBLISHERS.

Hongkong, 5th August, 1893.

## THE

HONGKONG HOTEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "Kremlin"—A. B. C. Code.—TELEPHONE, No. 32.

PROPRIETORS.....THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL—the most commodious and best appointed Hotel in the Far East,  
affords unequalled accommodation to travellers and others. It is situated in the centre of  
the town, opposite the General Post Office and the Hongkong Club, adjacent to Pedder's Wharf  
(the principal landing stage of the Colony) and in close proximity to the Banks and Shipping  
Offices.

THE HOTEL STEAM LAUNCH conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail Steamers.  
THE TABLE D'HOTE, at separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy, the cuisine being  
under experienced supervision.

THE BED-ROOMS, with adjoining Bath-rooms, are lofty and well ventilated, open on to  
spacious Verandahs, are lighted by gas and fitted throughout with electric communications.

The Reading, Writing and Smoking Rooms, Ladies' Drawing Rooms, the new Bar and public  
BILLIARD ROOMS (Six English and American Tables) are fitted with every convenience.

A handsomely appointed GRILL ROOM, where chops, steaks, &c., are served at any hour  
adjoins the HOTEL, and is under the same Management.

THE WINES & SPIRITS are selected by an Expert and the BEST BRANDS only are supplied.  
HYDRAULIC ASCENDING-ROOMS of the latest and most approved type convey passengers  
and baggage from the Entrance Hall to each of the five floors above.

NIGHT PORTERS and WATCHMEN are continually on duty.

R. TUCKER  
Manager.  
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W. BREWER.

IN  
New Stock Ladies' Shoes.  
Tennis Bats, Balls, Nets, &c.  
Hand-painted Photo Frames.  
Photo Albums.  
Photo Screens.  
New French Novels.

New Music, 5 pieces for \$1.  
Badminton, Shooting, Cricket, Fishing, Tennis,  
Counting and Falconry, Hunting and Driving,  
Billiards by Cook.  
Essays on Naval Defence.  
Brassie's Naval Annual.

W. BREWER,  
UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL,  
QUEEN'S ROAD  
[659]

SHOOTING SEASON 1893!

FOWLING PIECES IN CASES WITH IMPLEMENTS.

MARTINI-HENRI MATCH RIFLES, WINCHESTER CARBINES, COLTS

"LIGHTNING" CARBINES, REVOLVERS.

ELEY'S CARTRIDGE CASES.

METAL COVERED, GREEN, BLUE AND BROWN.

CARTRIDGES LOADED with (E.C.) or "ALLIANCE" GUNPOWDER.

PIGON, WILKS AND LAWRENCE "ALLIANCE" SPORTING POWDER.

NEWCASTLE CHILLED SHOT.

WADS, CAPS, LOADING MACHINES, RE-CAPERS, CARTRIDGE BELTS AND BAGS,  
GUN CLEANERS, &c., &c.

JANE CRAWFORD & CO.  
[1071]

Hongkong, 9th August, 1893.

CENTRAL HOTEL,  
SHANGHAI.

THIS long established SELECT Family Hotel situated on the Bund, facing the river, in the  
centre of the Settlements, has lately undergone extensive alterations, and is now fitted with  
the latest modern improvements, including Bath and Dressing Rooms ATTACHED to Suites  
and Single Rooms, with hot and cold water laid on, TOILETS, SHOWER SPRAYS, etc., and heated  
to a comfortable temperature during winter.

SEPARATE ROOMS FOR PRIVATE LUNAR PARTIES, &c.

The Electric Lighting now partly laid on will be completed during this year, 1893.

An Assistant will attend on Passengers by All Steamers.

N.B.—TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS—"CENTRAL, SHANGHAI"

I. E. REILLY,  
PROPRIETOR.

W. POWELL & CO.

HAVE RECEIVED

A CAPITAL LE IN

TWINE HAMMOCKS,

SUITABLE FOR DECK OR VANDAH USE.

W. DWELL & CO.

Hongkong, 6th August, 1893.

## Intimations.

STOLEN OR STRAYED.

A BLACK TERRIER PUP with White  
Spot on chest, answering to "DEVIL"  
Reward on returning same to Government Civil  
Hospital.

Hongkong, 11th August, 1893. [902]

VICTORIA ENGLISH SCHOOLS,  
"CRAIGKNOVER," CAINE ROAD.

THESE SCHOOLS will be RE-OPENED  
for the New Term on MONDAY, 14th  
Instant.

HEAD MASTER,  
Hongkong, 11th August, 1893. [898]

NOTICE.  
I HAVE Resumed Charge of The Hongkong  
Telegraph.

R. FRASER-SMITH,  
Editor & Proprietor.  
Hongkong, 8th August, 1893.

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

NOTICE.  
AFTER this date NO FULLY PAID-UP  
SHARES of this Company will be  
TRANSFERRED on which the Calls on the  
NEW SHARES standing in the same Name  
remain Unpaid.

By Order,  
R. LYALL,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 10th April, 1893. [444]

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

SUMMER CHARGES.

JUNE, JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER,  
\$75 PER MONTH  
for BOARD and LODGING in ROOMS facing  
Pedder Street or to the Eastward.

FURNISHED ROOMS without Board  
\$45 Per Month.

Apply to Manager and/or Secretary.

HONGKONG HOTEL.  
Hongkong, 19th May, 1893. [887]

## Shipping.

STEAMERS.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND  
CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"ARRATOON APCAR."  
Captain J. E. Hansen, will be despatched for the  
above Ports on THURSDAY, the 17th Instant,  
at 2 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
Hongkong, 11th August, 1893. [900]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship

"SAGAMI MARU,"  
will be despatched for the above named Ports  
on THURSDAY, the 17th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
GEO. R. STEVENS,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, 8th August, 1893. [882]

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"BENALDER,"  
Captain McIntosh, will be despatched as above  
on or about 19th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 9th August, 1893. [894]

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"ARGYL,"  
Captain J. C. Williamson, R.N.R., will be  
despatched for the above Port on or about  
SUNDAY, the 20th Instant, instead of as pre-  
viously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 11th August, 1893. [881]

"SHELL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

Steamship "TROCAS."  
Steamship "SPONDILUS."  
Steamship "ELAX."  
Steamship "VOLUTE."  
Steamship "MUREX."  
Steamship "TURBO."  
Steamship "CONCH."  
Steamship "CLAM."  
Steamship "BULLMOUTH."

FOR HAVRE AND LONDON,  
Taking Cargo on through Bill of Lading to  
NEW YORK.

THE Next Sailing will be the Steamship  
"SPONDILUS,"  
via SINGAPORE, on or about 21st August.

To be followed by the Steamship

"ELAX."  
For Freight, &c., apply to  
SHEWAN & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 28th July, 1893. [845]

N.B.—The Steamers of this Line will be  
despatched monthly from Hongkong, and offer  
exceptional advantages to Shippers of perishable  
cargo, owing to an improved method of ventila-  
tion. Copies of reports on out-turn of cargoes  
may be had on application to the Agents.

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG.

THE Steamship

"MONMOUTHSHIRE,"  
Captain Cumming, will be despatched as above  
on or about SATURDAY, the 20th August.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 28th July, 1893. [846]

## Shipping.

STEAMERS.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAILOONG,"  
Captain Roach, will be despatched for the  
above Ports TO-MORROW, the 13th Instant, at  
Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LAFFRAIK & Co.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 12th August, 1893. [899]

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAM-  
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR KOBE (DIRECT).

THE Steamship  
"MENMUIR,"  
will be despatched TO-MORROW, the 13th  
Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 9th August, 1893. [893]

## SAILING VESSELS.

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 100 A. I. Hawaiian Bark

"FOONGH SUEY,"  
Mahony, Master, will load here for the above  
Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to  
SHEWAN & Co.  
Hongkong, 2nd August, 1893. [870]

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/3 L. I. I. American Bark

"FREEMAN,"  
Gerrish, Master, will load here for the above  
Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to  
SHEWAN & Co.  
Hongkong, 2nd August, 1893. [871]

## Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND  
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship  
"ARRATOON APCAR,"  
having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees  
of Cargo are hereby informed, that their Goods  
will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining  
on board after the 14th Instant, will be landed at  
Consignment Dock, and expense into the Godowns.

No Free Insurance will be effected.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 11th August, 1893. [901]

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAM-  
SHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of CARGO per Steamship  
"BELGIC."

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees  
of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their  
Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take  
immediate delivery of their Goods from along-  
side.



## Intimations.

## VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

## AERATED WATERS.

**WATER.**—The Water used is absolutely pure.

**STEAM PLANT.**—Of the latest and most powerful type.

**SUPERVISION.**—The whole process of manufacture is under the continuous supervision of a qualified English Chemist.

**THE PRODUCT.**—Will bear comparison with the Waters made by the most noted makers in England.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & Co., LD.,

VICTORIA DISPENSARY. [38]

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

CHEMISTS BY APPOINTMENT.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

MANUFACTURERS OF AERATED WATERS.

OUR NEW FACTORY has been recently refitted with automatic Steam Machinery of the latest and most approved kind, and we are well able to compete in quality with the best English makers.

The purest ingredients only are used, and the utmost care and cleanliness are exercised in the manufacture throughout.

## "BOMBAY SODAS."

We continue to supply large bottles as heretofore, *Free of Extra Charge*, to those of our Customers who prefer to have them to the ordinary size.

**COAST PORT ORDERS.** whenever practicable, are despatched by first steamer leaving after receipt of order.

For **COAST PORTS**, Waters are packed and placed on board ship at Hongkong prices, and the full amount allowed for Packages and Emplies when received in good condition.

Counterfoil Order Books supplied free on application.

Our Registered Telegraphic Address is "DISPENSARY, HONGKONG."

The following is a List of Waters always kept ready in Stock:—

PURE AERATED WATER  
SODA WATER  
LEMONADE  
POTASH WATER  
SELTZ WATER  
LITHIA WATER  
SARSAPARILLA WATER  
TONIC WATER  
LEMON SQUASH  
GINGER ALE  
RASPBERRYADE  
GINGERADE.

No Credit given for Bottles that look dirty or greasy, or that appear to have been used for any other purpose than that of containing Aerated Waters, as such Bottles are never used again by us.

A. S. WATSON & Co., LIMITED,  
The Hongkong Dispensary, Hongkong.

**DEATH.**  
July 26th, at his home, 32, Florence Street, Plimsdon, England, WILLIAM ISA RIBBY, late master of the Canton river steamer *Fatshan*, in his 49th year.

## The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 1893.

## THE MATCH-MAKING INDUSTRY.

For the half-year ended June 30th, 4,913,913 gross of matches, of the value of \$1,239,079, were imported into Hongkong from Japan. If there is any commercial enterprise still existing in our colony, why should not this apparently highly profitable industry be added to the exceedingly limited list of local manufactures, on the same extensive scale as in Japan? The business would seem to offer tangible inducements to British or foreign capital and enterprise; but if not, Chinese energy and perseverance ought not to fall where the Japanese have succeeded so well! Suitable sites for extensive manufacturing are available on easy terms both in Hongkong Island—especially at Kennedy-town and the Causeway Bay reclamation—and at Yau-ma-tei, with the advantages of sea frontage and easy communication with shipping in the harbour as well as the business districts of the colony. As there are no customs duties, the cost of out-turn, as compared with Japan, ought to be considerably reduced, and under efficient supervision it can hardly be doubted that Chinese workmen would prove as capable and economical as the "Japs." Cheap labour in both countries

gives Japanese and Chinese industries a great pull over all foreign competitors, not even excepting the hard-working and ubiquitous German. This 'special safety match' trade has a very large field of operations in South China, as clearly shown by the statistics quoted above, and probably is capable of very considerable extension! Under all circumstances, therefore, we think that a remunerative industry in the manufacture of matches on a large scale could very easily be established in Hongkong, providing employment for a portion of our surplus population, producing a useful article of everyday use, and to some extent at least adding to the public revenue.

## MORPHINE V. OPIUM.

DURING the past month investigations have been instituted by the *Hongkong Telegraph* in reference to the practice of morphine injection among the Chinese; the most searching enquiries have been conducted on a thoroughly impartial basis, and complete and reliable data have been collected by personal observation, as we did not wish to tackle such an important problem in social economy with second-hand evidence or biased reports.

The facts are briefly stated. Morphine has long been known in China, in the form of pills, introduced primarily by medical men and missionaries in order to wean opium victims from their vice; but now practically the morphine habit has become a distinct weakness side by side with opium, and those who use either to excess are equally hopeless sufferers; though, in both cases, we have met many cases of use without abuse—certainly 19 out of 20 do not appear to suffer any more than confirmed tea-drinkers.

The injection business is quite a recent innovation; a year ago there was not a single place of regular resort for such treatment. The practice was known in Shanghai, however, and some six months ago it was brought to light in Hongkong. There are now some twenty houses where a regular trade is done, a few of them being in the villages, but most, of course, in the densely crowded districts of Tai-ping-shan and Sai-ying-poon. On an average, each house has about fifty clients, who come morning and evening, for one dose before work and one after—just as do the workmen with his beer. A few of them are wretchedly debilitated specimens—probably the healthiest man in the world would be sick after living a month in a Chinatown hovel, even without opium, morphine, or beer—but the majority are very ordinary-looking coolies. Men above the coolie class indulge at their own homes. The total takings of the morphine-injection divans may be estimated at nearly \$1,000 a month, representing a proportionate loss to the dealers in opium (which is three or four times as costly). Besides this, the Hongkong chemists do an immense morphine trade in the coast ports of China. At present the law provides absolutely no direct supervision or restriction.

So much for the facts. We could draw horrible pictures, if we wished, or lovely ones either, but as we prefer sense to sensations we leave the facts unvarnished. It has been alleged that opium-smokers who take to morphine injections, hoping to break off from the one vice, become worse victims of the other. There may be cases of that sort, but we have not seen them. What we have seen is a healthy, robust, bright and intelligent Chinaman, covered all over with old—note, "old"—injection scars, but completely cured both of opium and of morphine. He told us most emphatically (unless our interpreter lied) that he had been a very bad opium case, but by gradually diminishing doses of morphine he was completely cured, and now never felt the slightest temptation either way; he was the proprietor of one divan we visited, and if he was a victim all the time in spite of his story, he certainly did seem to be as happy as any man. Many others we questioned closely, and in every case the story was the same. If we were deceived, it must have been a wonderfully clever trick—superhuman, in fact.

If, however, the statements of all the coolies whom we questioned, all alike, may be relied on, then to the Chinese coolie at any rate morphine injections are not a dangerous fascination, whatever they may be to ally, *Mass* Europeans or the giddy butterflies of Western Society. Of course, the new practice threatens to largely diminish the Opium Revenue, which has already had so many other nails driven into its coffin. For this reason the Hongkong Government is at present considering the question, as the Opium Farmer has petitioned against the toleration of the morphine houses. In fact, we believe the Attorney-General is now engaged in drafting an Ordinance for that purpose. (Judging from precedent, morphine is safe enough if that is all it has to fear!) However, there was in 1890 a test case in Singapore, wherein it was held by the Supreme Court that morphine, as a product of opium, in the eye of the law must come within the Opium Ordinances. This would seem to obviate the need of any strenuous overwork on the Attorney-General's part. Perhaps it would interest *Exeter* Hall—and Mr. GRANVILLE SHARP—to know of this alleged cure for opium, and of the danger of its suppression.

## TELEGRAMS.

## THE SILVER QUESTION.

LONDON, August 11th.  
President Cleveland's supporters have postponed any definite action pending further discussion in the Senate and House of Assembly, thereby hoping to facilitate some agreement.

## CHOLERA.

MADRID, August 4th.  
Cholera is spreading extensively in Russia, and has also broken out in Naples.

## TYPHOON WARNING.

We are indebted to the courtesy of Señor Don Orliz de Zugasti, Spanish Consul at this port, for the following telegram:—

MANILA, August 11th.

Fresh depression in the Pacific eastward of Manila.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE *Pingang Gazette* says that riots are again imminent in the Kullin district owing to the Opium Farm having run short of the drug for cocaine consumption.

HOLDING HIS OWN.—Old Subscriber (to editor)—Can you lend me \$5? Editor.—We cannot. Old Subscriber.—Paper not doing much, eh? Editor.—Well, we're holding our own.

IT is asserted that the \$100,000 worth of gold now mined annually is not nearly enough to meet the world's rapid growing requirements. The yearly wastage of this precious metal is enormous.

DAME rumour says that the elephant was in great form at the attraction at the Ballyjoss Ambroses at the Peak residence of the Hon. Mr. E. R. Bellios—adjoining Mountain Lodge—yesterday afternoon.

THE British steamer *Tartar*, Capt. Rochester, which arrived at Singapore on the 5th inst., reported that the Austrian Lloyd's steamship *Orion* had been ashore on the Bledin Shoal, but got off safely after a delay of four hours. Both ships are now here.

THE nurse wore a painful expression as she entered the room where the anxious husband paced nervously to and fro. "Tell me the worst, nurse," he exclaimed, "don't keep me in suspense." "I will, sir," replied the nurse, "it's twins!"

Rev. Doollittle Dabbs—I am going home next month.

Snips—For your health? Rev. D. O.—Oh, no! I need a two-story extension to my house and I'll raise a fund for an Orphan Asylum!

Dr. A.—Why do you always make such particular inquiries as to what your patients eat? Does that assist you in your diagnosis?

Dr. B.—Not that, but it enables me to ascertain their social position and arrange my fees accordingly.

On the Peak Tramway:—Old Soap.—Blet, old chap, what ingredients make up high-toned society in Hongkong nowadays?

Berlin Blet.—Vell, von bogus and busted Bank Director, rum millinery and two pairs of *Campania*, from New York to Queensstown, accomplished by the use of the *Footnotes* semi-bituminous coal of Virginia, with which the *Cum gratia* and *White Star* lines have been supplied in New York for some time past. This coal contains by analysis about 66 per cent of pure carbon.

THERE is force, comments the *Boston Journal*, in Senator Sherman's suggestion that Congress may go too far in the repeal of the Silver law. The total takings of the morphine-injection divans may be estimated at nearly \$1,000 a month, representing a proportionate loss to the dealers in opium (which is three or four times as costly). Besides this, the Hongkong chemists do an immense morphine trade in the coast ports of China. At present the law provides absolutely no direct supervision or restriction.

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A PHILADELPHIA paper says: "The American iron-ship *Clarence S. Bennett* has been chartered to carry \$2,000,000 worth of tea from Yokohama to Tacoma, and is expected to make the run in a month. For every hour the captain can save it this great run against time he will receive a premium. Notwithstanding the great value of the cargo, the *Bennett* will receive only \$100,000 for the trip."

DELIVERED SHAREHOLDER.—Serves you right you and your partners in infidelity must have known that a man who is notoriously a successful adventurer, had an axe to grind and you ought to have taken reasonable precautions. It is a sad truth, and unfortunately it cannot be controverted, that there are very few reliable men, on matters financial, in Hongkong at the present time. Hell is not quite full yet, and there are still, we understand, a few vacant cells in Victoria Gaol.

"A YAW" chips of philosophy, dedicated to Browne:—

A fool carries his name in his mouth.

The wren has a sweeter song than the peacock.

Every man is a hypocrite who prays away and lives another.

There are two ways of telling a goose—its gabble and its walk.

Find a man who has no hobby and yield him one who is not happy.

Scrubbing a pig with soap will not get the love of mud out of its heart.

TRUTH is the *S. F. Chronicle*—The Egyptian question is being kept alive by the Khedive who is urging the Sultan to take anti-Jewish measures, and threatening him with addition in case of refusal. No doubt such a course, if followed by the Khedive, would prove very embarrassing to the British. Indeed, it is light cause a revolt which the manager forces stated in Egypt might find it exceedingly difficult to suppress. The Egyptian for a long period have given few signs of spirit or independence, but there is no telling what they might do under the inspiration of a man as spirited as the present Khedive seems to be. It is quite certain a revolt took place that Russia and France did last year, and they might go together, for both nations have strong reasons for wishing to see English influence minimized in Asia.

"HUMANITARIANS" letter on Monday. It arrived too late for to-night's issue.

A GREAT deal has been said as to the slowness of the turtle's movements, but all the same, he generally arrives in time for soup.

THE total amount contributed to Presbyterian churches during the past year was over \$14,000,000.

Sub-Editor of the "Daily Smell"—We need a column of reading matter. Editor.—Send out and buy a second-hand cyclopedia!

ST. PETER'S SEAMEN'S CHURCH.—The Mission steam-launch *Day Spring* will call alongside vessels holding coast pennant C, between 9 and 10.30 a.m. on Sunday, to convey men ashore to the 11 o'clock service, returning about 12.30 p.m.

Teacher.—Mr. Farmer, I'm sorry to tell you that your son is hopelessly incompetent! Old Farmer.—What can I do with him, my dear Sir? Teacher.—For a hundred pounds, I'll have him sent out as a missionary to China!

THE Calcutta correspondent of the *Times* telegraphs—"It is hoped that the Colonial Office will arrange for the Straits Settlements and the Crown Colonies, in the Far East to adopt a gold standard on the same basis as India." Easter said than done, we fancy.

THE anonymous correspondent who has sent us the marked report of the Maribou Club's meeting held on July 25th, 1893, might have saved himself the cost of the postage stamp and his own valuable time. We decline to deal with any communication that is not properly authenticated, as plainly set out in our "Notice to Correspondents."

THE Prince of Wales Plate (handicap) at Leicester (value 800 sovs.) was won by Lord Durham's Peter Flower, who beat Lord Rochester's Florida, Colonel North's Siffouse, and five others, winning in a canter by three parts of a length. Lord Durham's erratic son of Peter—the greatest filly of his day—started at the remunerative odds of 10 to 1.

FRIDAY reports made at the last yearly meeting of Friends of England show that Quakerism is by no means in its decadence. There are in England 341 meetings, an increase of three over last year, and 16,744 members, an increase of 200 in the last twenty years. The most significant item is the joining of 262 by conviction. Especially noticeable is the growth in Scotland, where its supporters claim for it a great future as offering an opening for those who recoil from the rigid doctrines of Calvinism.

THE "Chinese Merchants' Law and Order League" will be the inscription on the badges of the eight Chinese recently selected by the Six Companies to do detective duty among the lawless high-binders of San Francisco. Each badge will be numbered and also bear a private police mark. These eight were carefully selected and the majority of them speak English. It is said that each will receive a salary of \$30 a month out of a special fund raised by the Chinese merchants.

At considerable efforts, says the *New York Commercial Advertiser*, we have secured an abstract from the Government's expense book. The abstract admirably illustrates the possibilities of the Government.

May 1, 1893.  
\$100,000—To deposit Chinese.  
May 20, 1893.  
Balance of fund—Chinese still with us—\$16,000.  
Memorandum: "Everything goes" (but the Chinese).

"THE suspension of free coinage in India," says ex-Governor N. O. Murphy, of Arizona, "was part of a deep-laid plan of England to force gold to a premium, which would help that country, in self-protection and retaliation. I think the country ought to clap a high tariff on all goods made in England, especially those which come into competition with American labour. This would be one form of retaliation. We can make everything we need. The general sentiment in Arizona seems to be in favour of the coinage of silver. This opinion is held by Mark Smith, our delegate in Congress."

THE following appears in the *Pingang Gazette* of the 4th inst.:—"Between nine and ten o'clock on Wednesday night, a European named von Bohlen von Holbach, lodging in the Eastern and Oriental Hotel, attempted to commit suicide by shooting himself with a revolver. On hearing the shot, some of the other inmates rushed up to his room and found the door locked. They called and found the man lying prostrate on the floor, bleeding from a wound in the left shoulder, and making efforts to reach the revolver, which was not far from him. The police were at once sent for and the man was conveyed to the General Hospital. One of the boys of the hotel was also sent along with him, suffering from a swollen mouth, caused by his having chewed some kind of caustic by mistake."

In the House of Commons on the 10th ult. the Hon. Geo. Curzon, who has lately been "globetrotting" in the Far East, asked the Under-Secretary for India the following idiotic questions:—"Whether the Government will include among the subjects to be inquired into by the Royal Commission on Opium, the allegation that opium has been forced or is now being forced by the British Government upon China, and the consequent moral responsibility of the British Government; and whether the Commission will be appointed; whether it will be issued in the name of the Queen or of the Viceroy; and whether its sittings will be confined to India, or will take place both in this country and in India." Needless to say the answer received by Mr. Curzon, who has been earning a cheap notoriety in the London press by speculative generalities on Far Eastern affairs with which he has no practical acquaintance, was of a purely negative character. Literary and political globe-trotters in this part of the globe ought to be carefully muzzle.

SINCE returning to London from his American tour, that clever artist, Mr. George Grossmith, has added certain novelties to his drawing-room entertainment. He gives an imitation at the piano of M. Padernawski, and among his new songs is one called "The American Girl." The latter satirizes the proceedings of American girls in stanzas like the following:

In London I was—

Proposals came in with a whirl.

I refused five baronets at a guess.

A lord and a penniless earl!

An old duke with a spile

And a dandy style  
Proposed—I accepted for fun.  
I kept on the dear old duke for a while,  
But last Tuesday I married his son!  
And now I am, I guess,  
An American marchioness!  
In spite of my democracy  
I've married the aristocracy.  
Like a true American girl.

Most hen-pecked husbands are good steamships—Pacific Mail.

We have to acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of a number of copies of the latest report of the Immurs Company, which will receive our closest attention at an early date.

Philanthropic Lawyer.—I fancy our goal ought to be enlarged.  
Jinx.—Great Scott! have you some clients still left?

A WRITER in a recent number of the *Juvenile Age* says that it was a Chinaman who, nearly 5,000 years ago, discovered the principle of a water clock. Remarkable to state, the inventor's name, Hwang Ti, has been preserved. The clock consisted of two copper vessels, one above and one below, the former having a hole through which the water percolated into the latter, where there was a float, the gradual rise of which indicated periods of time.

## IN THE KOTTISSEK.

A man and a maid in a corner sat  
Of Brother Schmidt's divan.  
The maid demurely thro' his hat  
The scibe straight thro' his hat.  
"The weather's so depressing,  
Without ideas I term."  
Said he, "What shall I treat on?"  
Can you suggest a theme?  
A moment she looked puzzled,  
And then her face did beam;  
"I think," said she quite sweetly,  
"You might treat on ice cream."

In the Theatre Royal, City Hall, last night the *Victor Emanuel* amateurs held a dress rehearsal of the entertainment to be given to-night in aid of the *Victoria* disaster relief fund. Every item of the programme went off beautifully, giving promise of a splendid success when the show is presented before the public. There are several very fine choruses, and no end of good songs, while the *Christy* minstrel business cannot fail to score brilliantly under the leadership of Mr. South, ably seconded by Mr. Vowles. The *tablao*, however, form the greatest attraction, and if everything goes as well to-night as it did last night, Hongkong's record of successful amateur performances will be knocked sky-high. There is no need for further recommendation, as the merits or demerits of a show usually become fairly well known in advance, and in this case seats are already being booked in large numbers at Lane, Crawford & Co's.

## "I LOVE YOU."

I love you not because your face is fair—  
A thousand faces fairer far may be, love:  
I love you not for wealth of waving hair  
And pure and tender lips that smile on me,  
Love!

I care not for your beauty, O, my sweet,  
Nor for your grace, nor for the world approve you;  
But, soul and body, I am at your feet—  
I love you!

I love you not because your eyes are bright  
As summer dews that on the roses glisten  
When lovers' vows are murmured in the night  
And from their heights the pale stars learn and listen;

I love you not for voice of silvery tone,  
Nor all that men may deem diviner of you;  
But, flesh and spirit, I am yours alone,  
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